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Dear Js,

Urely 19 with valuable enclosures here today. Glad to get Feltrinelli stuff. Will read clips when I can, but even when you are on the right side of the moon, how can we find time for all that taping, transcribing? Wow! (My gimp is improving, makes out o.k. as long as she stays off feet too much.) The KPFA Italian interviews says that what is happening there is what I forcast (immodesty) for here, to drive society into more authoritarian stance.

If it takes two weeks for 3rd class, unless something seems urgent I'll still accumulate clips because our circumstances are such even stamps are a serious problem. Mailed the one you got 18 as I was leaving for St. L.

Your earlier analysis that the objective is to Vietnamize the defeat seems more certain daily. As is Nixonian intent to delay it until after early November. I think it is now also clear that his adversaries (they sure as hell ain't mine!) anticipated this and were ready for his Parisian stupidity. Likewise agreed on prospects little USSR comfort. The chill of their reception, despite those lining the way, came through the boobs in the tube. I think they may be dominated by fear of US insanity more than anything else.

Everyone who has commented says about what you do (and I believe) about Bremer:The long-advertised-for single nut appeared. However, with each new disclosure, there is doubt cast on the certainty that he was alone. Like money, professional police incompetence (one of foci my Nat. Enquirer piece), etc. It is simply incredible that he wasn't spotted, that arresting police Kalazamoo didn't alert bodyguards, all sorts such things. The McG. hadbill was not finesse but accident:it was just distributed, under wiper blade. Leave it to the ever-faithful feebs! What I didn't say but spotted is that his Wallace stalking coincided appearance reviews, attention to Frank book. Check library not completed. Enq. doing and will add if it shows (doubtful on time)....Yeh, I can't say again "How come no not potshots George Wallace?"...The shrinks have rushed in too soon...Always kill the one you love. The lingering perplexity is can nuts be turned on and were these? Hard to escape suspicion.

Think I've suggested reason for no Hoover autopsy: not to prove him, Nixon liars in bragging about the perfect state of his health when he could drop off momentarily.... No improvements visible. If Bremer is case in point, the FBI has come apart. They found 9mm shells his apt and never continued search for second pistol (with confiscated one, he had three!) Just learned from clip Milwaukee paper, CDN man's notes, that the 9mms were found immediately. What better reason for not looking further?...Gray may be worse in some ways.

Programming: can't find my copy The Biliken Courier, which advances Manchurian Candidate thinking, based on real Copenhagen case of real programming by hypnosis. I think Kaiser and Diamond lacked imagination. Diamond had to know of that case, and he should have searched for tangible objects or sounds that could have triggered. Like billiken....Diagnoses Bremer by those without examinations both schizo and paranoid. Suspect schozos more susceptible to suggestion.

Houston:working one angle with reporter friend. Kuttner good suggestion. Missed appointment Post friend Thursday. He is their demonstrations expert and was boning for weekend's (where police agent was equipped with CBS News credentials, from observation of friend who was there and spoke to him). He sure wasn't CBSing, from informed friend's observations and conversation with him. (Just technician, and taking pictures for his wife!)

Joe Kraft on Teddy:I don't think there is any chance T will run, but endorsement of someone close to certain if Wallace second-spotting Humph clear before convention.... Wallace aide resignation over fund-raising: anything having to do with his funds can supply Ray lead. ...The Chettas sure died young -and suddenly. ...O'Hara retirement proper. Can't

why it was delayed. But the appointment of Carles Ward is more than recongition that he had been scheduled for earlier judgeship. It means McK is now illing to be anti-Garrison, and that is reading on JG's current situation. Politically, if not physically and emotionally. Interestingly, O'H's last big case of which I know was the JG-inspired State case against himself. Surprising that O'H then appointed most leftward lawyer in state albeit one of best and most respected....There is no adequate description og Hoppe!... After reading Wicker's 5/9 comment on Nixon's 5/8 speech, suppose I'm lucky not to have had time to look, see. More rightening daily. Emperor correct head, designation...How many Bremer had to copy!

George McMillan seems to be alcoholic, on the rocks, and marriage there, too. He has to call even poor people collect. Millionaire wife has clamped down on him, and if he doesn't get ms in publisher will, too. He called Jerry collect when Jerry was in St. L., and Jerry accepted it. So, in middle of this call, Priscilla hung George's phone up. Tragic. Jerry provokes him by saying, when George asks for help, why doesn't he ask me, that Jerry knows I'll help him - if he does an honest job. The unvarying response is how George is going to slap me around when he sees me. (You may recall I told him how to get here and that I did provoke him, methinks with some effect.) Jerry just phoned.

So did the Enquirer. They like my piece and will cut when they decide on space. Maybe I can be commercial again, if the Enq. is "commercial" only. But I gave them more than they could use on purpose. My chief concerns are not so much what they'll do to it as that they'll use what they have been told by Charach, that there is assassination academy (no kiddin', he said it and probably believes it -and can't you see how that suits the Enq.?) and that they will have reached J.G., who will say something outlandish. I can stand on what I wrote. But to cite what you non-TVers might find obscure, not "the whoooollllee thing."...Jerry says the St. L TV show shook up NBC's chief "interviewer" there so much that they used someone else to interview Frank, fearing an antagoniztic interview. His source: antagonistic prospective interviewer.

Never was a familt with less family bond. They were all to have gone to see poor John weekend ago, so I didn't write him.Now it turns out they didn't, and I have to.

Best,